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TAGS: PFOR, ABLD, GE

SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC HOUSING IN EAST BERLIN

1. ACCORDING TO MEMBERS VARIOUS WESTERN MISSIONS IN EAST BERLIN, GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY RECENTLY ISSUED CIRCULAR NOTE INFORMING FOREIGN MISSIONS THAT, PURSUANT TO DECISION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, NEW RATES TO APPLY TO OFFICE AND HOUSING SPACE PROVIDED TO SUCH MISSIONS. IN CASE OF EXISTING CONTRACTS, EAST GERMAN INTEND INVOKE THREE-MONTH RENEGOTIATION IN ORDER TO CHANGE RATES. NEW RENTS INVOLVE INCREASES IN SOME CASES EXCEEDING 200 PERCENT. SWISS EMBASSY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS CALCULATED THAT ITS TOTAL HOUSING COSTS NOW AMOUNTING TO 5,000 EAST MARKS WOULD RISE TO 15,000 MARKS. RESIDENCE OF FRENCH CHARGE INITIALLY OFFERED FOR 1,500 EAST MARKS NOW TO COST 4,000 PER MONTH. BRAZILIAN CONSUL IN WEST BERLIN, WHO NEGOTIATING LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, HAS BEEN TOLD THAT OFFICE SPACE WOULD COST BETWEEN 22 AND 40 EAST MARKS PER SQUARE METER (AS COMPARED TO 12 - 15 MARKS A FEW MONTHS AGO).

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2. WESTERN MISSIONS IN EAST BERLIN NOW CONSIDERING

POSSIBLE JOINT APPROACH TO PROBLEM. SOME SPECULATE  
THAT INCREASES REFLECT EAST GERMAN SUSPICION RENTS NOW  
BEING PAID WITH EAST MARKS IMPORTED FROM ABROAD AND  
THAT PAYMENT IN HARD CURRENCY MIGHT BRING NEW RATES  
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